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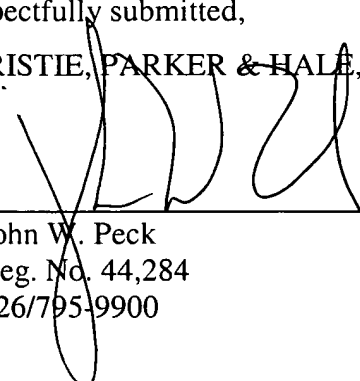
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In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements dated December 15, 2005, enclosed are:

1. Copy of Notification of Missing Requirements.
2. Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.

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- Indication of Small Entity Status
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The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
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